

REMARKS

Amendments

Claims 2, 6, 9, and 15-19 are amended to correct obvious typographical errors and/or to use language in accordance with conventional U.S. practice, and/or to correct obvious errors in claim dependency. New claims 22-26 are directed to further aspects of the invention and are supported throughout the disclosure. See, e.g., page 13, lines 21-27.

Election

In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-10. However, the Restriction Requirement is respectfully traversed.

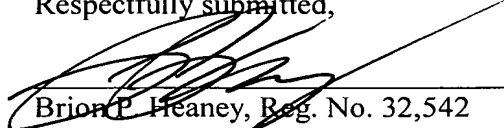
The Restriction sets forth three Groups of claims. Thereafter, the Restriction asserts a basis for restricting Groups I and II. No basis is even alleged for restricting Group III from either Group I or Group II. Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction as to Group III is respectfully requested.

With regards to Groups I and II, it is asserted that these claims are related as intermediate-final product. This is incorrect. Claim 10 of Group I recites a polymerizable amine mixture. Claims 11-15 further define the polymerizable amine mixture, either by further describing the recited components of the mixture or by defining additional components of the mixture. Such claims are not in intermediate-final product relationship, since there is no indication or suggestion that the components mixture of claim 10 lose their identity in the mixtures of claims 11-15. See, e.g., MPEP §806.05(j). Instead, the mixture of claim 10 and the mixtures of claims are in subcombination/combination relationship. The Restriction sets forth no basis for restricting the subcombination of Group I from the combination of Group II. See, e.g., MPEP §806.05(c).

In view of the above remarks, withdrawal of the Restriction and examination of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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